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LOGNOTE.....PANAMA BUREAU.....15 August 1986

(Naquin) MEETING AT MOTOROLA -- On 13 August, [ ] and I met at the office with [ ] the Motorola representative in our contract on the microwave communications link to the U.S. Embassy and skylink: Mike McCaffrey, acting chief of the embassy's CPU; and [ ] chief of PDG's communications section. During the meeting, [ ] asked [ ] how long it would take for FBIS to get hooked into skylink once we received the necessary frequency allocation from the Panamanian Government. [ ] answered that it would take 90 days to have the necessary equipment shipped and delivered but didn't know exactly how long it would take before the new communications circuit was operational. [ ] also asked about using some of the 24 channels of our microwave circuit for telephone lines. [ ] noted that we would have to change the terminations of those lines we wanted to use for telephones. [ ] then asked McCaffrey about having four lines connected to the embassy switchboard. McCaffrey said he would have to check with his telephone people and get back to us. He did note, however, that there remains the question of who would pay for those lines.

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There still remained some unanswered questions, in my mind, as to how the system would actually work. Apparently some details of the contract have yet to be worked out. [ ] mentioned to me that he would eventually like to stop using Autodin altogether. His preference for Panama at this point would be to continue using Mode V until skylink comes on line and to skip Mode I altogether. However, [ ] admitted that a final decision on this matter had yet to be made.

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